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ILLEGAL JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT RECEIVES ONE-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO INVESTIGATORS

DAYTON – Mohammad Radwan Obeid, age 34, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to one year imprisonment for lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation when they were conducting an official investigation. United States immigration officials have ordered Obeid deported after he serves his sentence because he is an out-of-status Jordanian national.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

According to testimony presented at sentencing hearings earlier this year, a Troy, Ohio public librarian saw Obeid visiting jihadist Websites and sending e-mails on a library computer in March 2005. She reported Obeid's actions to the FBI. An off-duty Norfolk, Virginia police officer received emails from Obeid and also reported this to the FBI. Obeid denied ever sending or receiving emails on a particular e-mail account when FBI agents questioned him. Obeid had previously resided in Xenia, Dayton and most recently in Troy, Ohio.

A federal grand jury indicted Obeid on October 27, 2005. Agents arrested Obeid on November 1, 2005 and he pled guilty on December 29, 2005. He has been in custody since his arrest.

"I want to encourage people to continue to report suspicious activity to law enforcement," Lockhart said.

"ICE will continue to utilize all of the enforcement tools at its disposal to protect the safety and security of our communities and will vigorously pursue those individuals who seek to do us harm," said Moskowitz, special agent in charge for Ohio and Michigan.

Lockhart commended the FBI and ICE agents for their cooperative investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who prosecuted the case.

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